

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1-31 (cancelled)

32. (new) A miniature keyboard comprising:

a plurality of equally spaced keys on a single keypad for inputting data to a portable electronic device;

wherein said keys of said plurality of equally spaced keys are individually sized such that multiple ones can be depressed by a single finger tip depression and wherein adjacent keys differ in height; and

wherein said keys comprise at least one set of keys that are raised for providing key differentiation and to facilitate single key selection and wherein said keys are substantially checkered pattern on said miniature keyboard.

33. (new) A miniature keyboard as recited in Claim 32 wherein said set of keys is of different shapes.

34. (new) A miniature keyboard as recited in Claim 32 wherein said plurality of keys is arranged in substantially a QWERTY keyboard fashion.

35. (new) A miniature keyboard as recited in Claim 32 wherein said portable electronic device is a personal digital assistant.

36. (new) A portable electronic device comprising:
a processor coupled to a bus;
a memory coupled to said bus;
a display screen coupled to said bus; and
an input mechanism comprising a plurality of equally spaced keys on a single keypad that are individually sized, such that each individual key surface is substantially smaller than a surface of a single finger depression and wherein said keys comprise alternating key diagonals of differing heights with respect to adjacent key diagonals.